

## **Marion Fire District**

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – June 28, 2018**

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on, June 28, 2018. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Shirley Webster, Ruth Skaggs, and John Devine, Treasure. Chief Mast was present for the department.

On M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs), consented to the agenda

On M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting May 31, 2018.

M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs), approved the issue of warrants to pay current claims for payment.

**Public Comment: Anyone wishing to speak will give their name, address, and will have 3 minutes to speak.**

Public present: Spenser Hale – MFD Firefighter and Medical Captain

#### **Treasurer's Report/Financial:**

John Devine provided a comprehensive overview the Treasurer's Report. Cash balance as of 6/28 is \$89,780.48. M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs) review and approval of Treasurer's Report.

#### **Chief's Report:**

##### **Total Calls to Date: 83**

Same as last year this date

9 calls since last meeting on May 30, 2018

- 6 Medical- (1 Marion patient transport, 2 Alert transport, 2 Non Transports)
- 1 Structure fire (and vegetation)
- 1 Power Line Emergency

#### **Personnel:**

One new personnel, Mahlon Green, retired fire chief from Willow, AK. We are having great attendance on training and calls.

#### **Training:**

- The annual Wildland fire refresher is completed, and the majority of pack tests have been done, and red cards are being issued.

#### **Equipment Maintenance and Updates:**

- Water tender 1193 had an air brake leak that got repaired.
- Water tender 1192 has an ABS dash light on that needs to be looked at before fire season.
- Kalispell Ford offers us an extended warranty for 1121 at 7 yr/75K is \$4585 or 6 yr/75K is \$4385.

#### **Upcoming Costs:**

- Extended warranty on 1121

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- M/S/C means a motion made by the trustee named in the following parentheses, and then seconded and carried.

- If you wish to listen to an audio recording of this meeting, please submit a written request.

- Advance notice of this meeting was provided to the public via a reader board at the Marion Community Center and publication in the *Daily Inter Lake*, the District's website [www.marionfd.org](http://www.marionfd.org), and its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT](https://www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT).

**Community Events:**

- Auxiliary hosted silent and live auction and flea market on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and activities – **waiver of liability to be created for this event**
- Ashley Lake pancake breakfast on July 14<sup>th</sup>

**Additional Discussion:**

- Grants
  - Betty Woods Emergency Services Endowment (10 drills)
  - Firehouse Subs for \$22,720.00 for Genesis Cordless Extrication Equipment
  - VFA Grant for \$1,720.00 for 8 Wildland Packs
  - Closing of Roundup for safety grant

**Conclusion of Chief's Report****Action Items:**

**A.** FY18-19 Budget - The Board discussed and reviewed budget estimates for FY18-19. John Devine will finalize the budget by 7/26. The finalized budget is due 7/27.

**B.** Pintler/Collection Accounts – Medicare paid \$527.52 for a patient transport. The patient is now deceased. The Board agreed to write off the balance. A check from Geico Insurance in the amount of \$1,360 is expected.

**C.** Emergency Actions - None

**Discussion Items:**

**A.** Public Request for Information Box – No concerns expressed regarding placement in the firehouse. Chief Mast will follow-up regarding location.

**B.** Donation of Land – Chief Mast discussed the need to expand growth and training for the department and the possibility of land donation (8 acre parcel located adjacent to the fire station) from Weyerhaeuser. Shirley Webster will draft an inquiry to Weyerhaeuser officials.

**C.** Tax Levy Proposal – Chief Mast provided an overview of past intentions – will prepare a proposal for further review/discussion/action for the July 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date: The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2018 5:00 pm

**Adjournment:** 6:33PM

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster

Previous Minutes (June 28, 2018) approved on: 7/26/2018

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vargie Williams, Chair                      Date